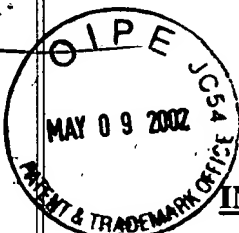


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for providing accelerated data storage and retrieval, said method steps comprising:

receiving a data stream at an input data transmission rate which is greater than a data storage rate of a target storage device;

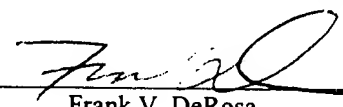
compressing the data stream at a compression rate that increases the effective data storage rate of the data storage device; and

storing the compressed data stream in the target storage device.

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